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Draft response to Gibbs letter. Lynn shared with me late yesterday for our comment...

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Below is the revised version of the draft response letter that you can send up through your management. Also, attached is a revised version of your briefing paper.

Thank you for your March 30 letter in follow up to our March 27th telephone call. I appreciated the opportunity to introduce myself on that call and to confirm my commitment as EPA Region 7 Acting Regional Administrator to carry out EPA's responsibility to protect human health and address contaminants at the West Lake Superfund Site under all of our federal

environmental laws, including CERCLA.

I would like respond to your question about potential relocation of residents surrounding the West Lake Superfund Site. On November 14, 2014, we responded to your request to relocate residents due to the subsurface smoldering event (SSE) in the Bridgeton Landfill. As your recall, our response at that time was that the scientific data available to the Agency did not indicate an immediate risk to human health and hence site conditions did not warrant consideration of relocation.

In your March 30 letter, you request EPA relocate nearby residents due to the SO₂ emissions from the flares located on the Bridgeton Landfill. The ambient air monitoring data for the Bridgeton Landfill collected to date by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and as analyzed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services does not indicate any acute health impacts to nearby residents. We are working closely with the state of Missouri in the collection of additional information and performance of additional analysis to better understand the potential long term impacts to people's health associated with the emissions from the flares. It is EPA's priority to ensure that the right steps are taken to adequately monitor and address these emissions. Based on the information we have at this time, our position remains that circumstances at the West Lake Superfund site do not warrant relocation under CERCLA authority.

I would also like to address some additional statements included in your March 30 letter. Just to clarify, the decision to conduct a supplemental feasibility study for OU-1 was not based upon the presence of the SSE at the Bridgeton Landfill. Rather our decision was in response to concerns raised by the Missouri Coalition for the Environment and others regarding EPA's decision to cap the Site and leave RIM in place. As a result, we have chosen to more thoroughly explore other potential alternate remedies, including full and partial excavation.

On the call there were references to illnesses and symptoms believed to be related to emissions from the landfill. We encourage all community members to report those concerns to the appropriate state and local health agencies. I can assure you that EPA takes very seriously our responsibility to protect human health using the best scientific data available in conjunction with our

federal environmental laws. We appreciate hearing from the community about issues related to the site that are important for EPA to consider, and we look forward to continued engagement with the community.

Thank you,

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